MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The idea of involving voluntary agencies in the redressal of public grievances and carrying out administrative reforms is being given shape to in several ministries, departments and organisations under the Government of India. Central Ministries/Departments having interface with the members of the public have been advised to explore the possibility and scope of associating them for the purpose. Several Ministries/Departments like the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Pension and Pensioners' the Department of Rural Development, the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Ministry of Welfare etc. have already associated a number of voluntary organisations in various fields of their work.

Integration of the ISM and Homoeopathy

*317. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to integrate the Indian System of Medicine (I.S.M.) and Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No Sir. The National Health Policy envisages development of each Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy according to its genius.

(b) Does not arise.

Permission to the Private Sector to operate electronic mail services

*318. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow the private sector to operate electronic mail systems namely telex system data basis, as a service industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Admissions in B. Sc. (Nursing) in AIIMS, Delhi

*319. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of candidates who applied for admission in B. Sc. (Nursing) in All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi during the last three years and the number of first class holders among them, year-wise;

(b) the number of candidates selected in each year and of the first class candidates who were not selected in each year;

(c) what are the criteria of selection;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce written test to select the candidates; if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to increase the number of seats from this year onwards in view of the heavy rush, for admissions; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [*See* Appendix CLI. Annexure No.152].

(d) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(e) There is no proposal at present to increase the number of seats in B. Sc. (Nursing). The infrastructural facilities and hostel accommodation is sufficient only for the present rate of admissions.